

RESOLUTION NO. 853

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF OSAWATOMIE, KANSAS
DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO COMPLETE THE
UPGRADING OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO SYSTEM TO
800 MHZ AND IDENTIFYING THE FUNDING TO BE USED TO
PAY FOR THE RADIO SYSTEM UPGRADE.**

WHEREAS, radios play a key role in delivering public safety services; and

WHEREAS, on August 14, 2018 Miami County Commissioners declared a state of emergency because the VHF radio system had deteriorated to a point that it was beginning to risk the health of Miami County residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of Osawatomie both depends on other agencies and provides other agencies with backup services; and

WHEREAS, without being on the same radio system makes it difficult if not impossible to coordinate services with outside agencies; and

WHEREAS, with the transfer of the City's dispatching operations to the County it's become even more critical to upgrade the public safety radios system,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF OSAWATOMIE, KANSAS:

SECTION ONE: That the City complete the upgrade of all public safety radios to the new 800 MHZ system and do so in an expeditious manner.

SECTION TWO: That the City Manager working with the City's Finance Director complete all forms necessary to either secure loans or grants for the Radio System upgrade. This includes grants and loan applications to be presented to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Governing Body of the City of Osawatomie, Kansas this 11th day of March 2021, a majority being in favor thereof.

APPROVED AND SIGNED by the Mayor.

L. Mark Govea, Mayor

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ATTEST:

Tammy Seamands, City Clerk